

Millennial Star



"In The Beginning"

Was there a pre-existence?

(See page 418)



To United States

“BRITANNIC,” “GEORGIC”
and the new
“MAURETANIA”

Frequent sailings from Havre,
and Southampton . . . by well-known
and spacious liners . . . and the new
34,000 ton super-ship “Mauretania”
. . . ships which satisfy the modern
demand for absolute comfort at
reasonable rates . . . perfect cuisine
and service in all classes.

EXPRESS SERVICE

Southampton—Cherbourg - New York

“QUEEN MARY” “AQUITANIA”

Cunard White Star

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

ESTABLISHED IN 1840

No. 27, Vol. 101

Thursday, July 6, 1939

Price Two Pence

The MILLENNIAL STAR is published weekly by the British Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Subscription price: 1s. 8d. for three months; 3s. 4d. for six months; and 6s. 6d. per year.

HUGH B. BROWN
Editor—Publisher
THORNTON Y. BOOTH
Associate-Editor

5 Gordon Square, London, W.C.1, England

Museum 1354

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.—John 8: 47

CONTENTS

	Page
EDITORIAL—	
My Acquaintance With President Heber J. Grant <i>by Matthias F. Cowley</i>	424
CHURCH FEATURES—	
The New And Everlasting Covenant <i>by Elder Rulon S. Wells</i>	418
Does The Church Have A Monopoly Of Truth? <i>by Elder John A. Widtsoe</i>	426
The Church-Wide M.I.A. Conference - - - -	428
SPECIAL FEATURE—	
Outside Interests <i>by Sara O. Moss</i> - - - -	421
Glances At Church History - - - - -	427
What Others Have Said— - - - -	429
DEPARTMENTS—	
News Of The Church In The World - - - -	429
Of Current Interest - - - - -	430
From The Mission Field - - - - -	431

THIS WEEK'S COVER—

AN artist's conception of things "in the beginning," when the heaven and the earth were created, is shown on the cover of this week's STAR. The previous existence of mankind and the reason for the creation of the earth is explained in the scriptures. (See page 418)

IN THIS ISSUE—

The part played by the Church in gathering and using truth. See page 426.
 A brief account of the coming forth of the Book of Abraham in the Pearl of Great Price. See page 427.
 How the ruling monarchs of Britain were served strawberries from Utah during their recent tour of America. See page 429.

The New And Everlasting Covenant

By ELDER RULON S. WELLS

(Of the First Council of Seventy)

OF all the creatures that inhabit the earth, whether in the sea, in the air or on the land, man and only man stands erect; man and only man looks up into the heavens and contemplates the wonders of the starry universe; man and only man bows his head in humble reverence to Him, who made the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water.

True, we see many other creatures moving about with marked intelligence and apparently with purpose or design and one wonders whence comes their intelligence, and the answer comes: God is their intelligence. By intuition they are guided.

When we contemplate the generations of men and women who now live and have lived upon the earth from the days of Father Adam until the present day and then add to this goodly number those who are yet unborn, but are destined to enjoy the blessed privilege of living on the earth in bodies of flesh and bone, we are simply overwhelmed with the vastness of their numbers, for they are indeed as numerous as the sands upon the seashore.

Now let us consider the fact that this mighty and innumerable multitude once lived in another world before the foundations of this one were laid, namely, "In the spirit world," as the spirit children of God.

Now God, being the Father of our spirits, even of this mighty multitude of them, both the living and the dead and of those as yet unborn, is, as any natural father might well be, intensely and vitally interested in our well-being, and therefore formulates the divine plan for our development, our education and training, and devises a preparatory course—first for spirit life and then for our future lives, which we are yet to live—one on the



earth, not yet created—and another in His Celestial Kingdom. All this is contemplated in the divine plan.

So He calls His sons and daughters together in solemn assembly to make the proclamation of His plans “in order to bring about his eternal purposes in the end of man.” These plans clearly set forth the terms of the Everlasting Covenant, through compliance with which the salvation of His children is to be achieved. This Everlasting Covenant, to which so many references are made throughout the scriptures, is the very essence of God’s dealings with mankind, and when we heard the proclamation our hearts were filled with joy and gladness and the morning stars—the great and noble ones among God’s spirit children—sang together and all the sons and daughters of God shouted for joy.

No, indeed! This is no imagination. It is the truth and may be found on the pages of God’s revealed word. For example:

“Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding. . . . When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38: 4, 7)

What a glorious day—that primeval day—when “darkness was upon the face of the deep” and the earth was without form and void—even before its foundations were laid! It must have been a wonderful occasion when all the sons of God, and daughters, too, I doubt not, were assembled, and among them the morning stars—the great and noble ones who sang together, and when all of this mighty multitude shouted for joy.

And from the Apostle Paul:

“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?” (Heb. 12: 9)

Let me now quote from the writings of Moses as they were revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith, which you will note is in perfect accord with the account given in Genesis; but gives a fuller and more complete account of the dual nature of all created things, or, I might say a more elaborate rendition of the same narrative:

“And now, behold, I say unto you, that these are the generations of the heaven and of the earth, when they were created, in the day that I, the Lord God, made the heaven and the earth;

“And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew. For I, the Lord God, created all things, of which I have spoken, spiritually, before they were naturally upon the face of the earth. For I, the Lord God, had not caused it to rain upon the face of the earth. And I, the Lord God, had created all the children of men; and not yet a man to till the ground; for in heaven created I them.” (Moses 3: 4-5)

Abraham wrote the following:

“Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organized before the world was; and among all these there were many of the noble and the great ones;

"And God saw these souls that they were good, and he stood in the midst of them, and he said: These I will make my rulers; for he stood among those that were spirits, and he saw that they were good; and he said unto me: Abraham, thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born.

"And there stood one among them that was like unto God, and he said unto those who were with him: We will go down, for there is space there, and we will take of these materials, and we will make an earth whereon these may dwell;

"And we will prove them herewith, to see if they will do all things whatsoever the Lord their God shall command them;

"And they who keep their first estate shall be added upon; and they who keep not their first estate shall not have glory in the same kingdom with those who keep their first estate; and they who keep their second estate shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever.

"And the Lord said: Whom shall I send? And one answered like unto the Son of Man: Here am I, send me. And another answered and said: Here am I, send me. And the Lord said: I will send the first.

"And the second was angry, and kept not his first estate; and, at that day, many followed after him." (Abr. 3: 22-28)

This quotation is taken from the writings of Abraham, translated by Joseph Smith through the gift and power of God. Herein is set forth the aim or purpose, as well as the terms, obligations and glorious benefits of the "Everlasting Covenant," which is in very deed the "glad tidings of great joy." It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When we heard it we rejoiced, and our hearts were filled with joy and gladness, and we shouted for joy. Here was our great opportunity, for if we kept our first estate we should be added upon, or in other words there would be added to our immortal spirits these bodies of flesh and bone, and we should have the privilege of living on the earth—the span of human life wherein God will again, the second time, prove us and see if we will do all things whatsoever He commands us. And, if we keep our second (or present) estate, then shall we have glory added upon our heads for ever and ever.

Consider for a moment the meaning of this promise which the Lord makes to those who keep their second estate: "They shall have glory added upon their heads for ever and ever." It means they shall become members of God's household—His sons and daughters, and heirs of God, even joint heirs with Jesus Christ, and shall inherit all things the Father hath. In short, it means they shall receive the crown of Eternal Life, God's greatest gift to man.

"All things whatsoever the Lord our God shall command us" are embodied in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and therefore obedience to this Gospel is our part in the Everlasting Covenant. If we do not keep His commandments, or in other words, obey His Gospel, we have no promise. But if we render that obedience, then God is bound under the terms of the covenant, and He never breaks His covenant.

Outside Interests

By SARA O. MOSS

CONDENSED FROM THE RELIEF SOCIETY MAGAZINE

“WELL!” said Patricia, stopping suddenly to stare at a moving van pulling into the driveway of the vacant cottage across the street. “I’ll bet it’s another big family! It certainly is, Thomas! See that pram they’re unloading, and the tricycle and the wagon!”

Thomas laughed heartily as he hurried to his car. “I’m late,” he said. “Don’t worry too much about the kids that family might not have.”

But Patricia did worry. The last family that had lived there, and had moved because the payments on the house were too high for a meagre income, had had boys. Lots of boys who ganged and played street games. Once a window was broken, and often the young imps hid in the expensive shrubs surrounding the Fenstone grounds. Boys were awful!

A small car drove up to the cottage, too, and as Patricia had surmised, quite a drove of youngsters tumbled out.

“Thank goodness there’s some girls,” said Patricia, hidden from view by her dense shrubs. “They’re little, too. Oh, there’s a good-sized one though, and there’s a boy. Let’s see, there’s two, three, four, five, six. That poor woman! I do hope she keeps them home.”

The family seemed to settle themselves in the new surroundings without bother or trouble to anyone, nor did they find any excuses to call upon their neighbours, who lived in the expensive homes along the block.

“She must be quite a homemaker,” Patricia told her husband one morning, as they walked over their grounds. “That house has never looked so clean, or so homelike before. But still, it will always be an eyesore in the neighbourhood. I wish it weren’t there.”

After an interval of ten days, Patricia called on her new neighbours and found Mrs. Wesley to be a retiring little woman, but a charming one too. Her home was orderly and neat and her inexpensive furnishings tastefully arranged to meet the requirements of her six children. Patricia found also that Mrs. Wesley had no social aspirations in the neighbourhood, and seemed perfectly content with life as she lived it—busy, healthy, and happy.

“Poor thing!” thought Patricia. “One wouldn’t think life could be worth living. No outside interests of any kind. I think I should go mad!”

Still it was quite nice here. Patricia was afraid she was



going to like Mrs. Wesley and her family in spite of herself, and her prejudice of the little old cottage had eased into indifference for the present.

"Well, I must run along now," said Patricia. I have so much to do today. I am serving on the Committee of Conservation of National Resources, and we expect to have several meetings in the near future. I am busy getting material and speakers."

"How interesting!" said Mrs. Wesley. "I have a sister, Nell, who does that very thing." But Patricia was moving along, feeling important as a public-spirited woman who was in a position to entertain even celebrities in her home because she was rich, because she had leisure.

So the late summer passed into autumn days. Patricia was grateful that Mrs. Wesley had kept her children home. Still she had enjoyed those two little tots who sometimes toddled across the street to her lawns. Such talkers! And that oldest girl was charming!

One day in late autumn, Patricia was ringing Mrs. Wesley's doorbell.

"Oh, Mrs. Fenstone! Such a surprise! Do come in."

But Patricia had no time today. "I'm sorry I can't stay, Mrs. Wesley, I'm so rushed. We're having our big meeting on Conservation tonight at the auditorium, and we're having a famous speaker from London. I shall probably be expected to meet her, and most likely have her to dinner." Patricia was out of breath, but she felt so important. Rather fun to let people know what prestige you held in the community. Then, seeing Mrs. Wesley's tired face and work-worn hands, she said, "Perhaps you would like to come. I think you would enjoy it, you have to stay in so much." She was really sincere, for she liked Mrs. Wesley.

Mrs. Wesley considered. "I'll see. Perhaps I can leave the babies with my husband."

Patricia smiled warmly, and started down the steps, all but forgetting her errand. "Oh, I nearly forgot. I have a telephone message for you from your sister. She said it was Nell calling. She asked me to let you know she was in town and would be right out."

Mrs. Wesley was taken aback, but happily surprised.

"Oh, not really! I can hardly believe it. I haven't seen Nell for two years. I'm sorry you had to bother though, Mrs. Fenstone. I wish we could afford a telephone, but you know how it is when the children are small. . . . To think Nell is here. I'll have to change this dress if she's coming right out. . . ."

Patricia was glad to see her little neighbour so happy. She surely needed something to brighten her drab existence. Then she remembered her many duties for the day, and started down the path against the autumn wind with a hurried, "Try to come, Mrs. Wesley."

It was then Mrs. Wesley thought of something. "Mrs. Fenstone," she called, "Nell must be . . ."

But Patricia was half-way home and did not hear her, so

intent was she on meeting the famous London speaker, Mrs. Cowels.

The auditorium was filled to capacity and Patricia, as chairman, looked regal, as she sat behind the banks of potted plants, lending charm and beauty to the affair. She was a little nervous though. The speaker had not arrived, only a message had come saying she would be on time. Patricia hoped so. An intelligent audience waited patiently for the meeting to begin. Then Patricia saw Mrs. Wesley enter the door. She did get here after all! Little home body! She's probably wondering what this is all about. But who is that distinguished looking woman with her? They look alike. Why, that must be Nellie. They're coming right up in front, too. Well, of all things! It's Mrs. Cowels!

Patricia hardly heard what the woman said all evening. She was thinking of the little old cottage, the cottage she had said was such an "eye-sore" among the lovely homes along the block, yet it had welcomed the woman speaking, a woman who was known from north to south, and a woman whom Patricia had so urgently hoped to "cultivate."

Mrs. Cowels was holding the audience spell-bound.



"We talk about conservation. We plead with an adult public to build up the defences which we've torn down; defences which will take three hundred years to rebuild. But it's our children to whom we must turn . . ."

Patricia felt lonely among all those people. She wanted to be home with all her beautiful surroundings and with Thomas. But home was sometimes lonely, too, with just Thomas. She had been a poor neighbour. She could have tended those little tots once in a while. She could have loaned the oldest girl some books, and given all Mrs. Wesley's children the use of the beautiful pool in her back yard through the hot summer days. She had been striving for public acclaim, for praise and honour from the activities she called "outside interests," and had pitied Mrs. Wesley for having so little, yet now Patricia realized she had everything worth while.

Patricia felt suddenly very tired, as the meeting dragged through to the end. She thanked the speaker, the committee and the audience. Out of courtesy she asked Mrs. Cowels and Mrs. Wesley if she could drive them home. To her surprise they accepted gratefully.

When Patricia stopped at the cottage to let her occupants out, Mrs. Wesley graciously asked her in.

"Run over and get your husband, and we'll have a bite of lunch. I know you and Nellie will have so much to talk about. Our husbands can at least talk cars and fishing."

Patricia laughed, but said humbly, "You're so sweet, Mrs. Wesley. You don't know what it means to me."

Mrs. Wesley never did know, quite, what it had meant to a new Patricia.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1939

EDITORIAL

My Acquaintance With President Heber J. Grant

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT was born at the place where the great Z.C.M.I. store now stands, on Main Street in Salt Lake City, November 22nd, 1856. He will be 83 years of age November 22nd this year. He is still hale and hearty, with his eye undimmed and his hearing unimpaired.

I have known President Grant for 65 years and was well acquainted with his mother, who was a woman of great faith and spirituality. His father, Jedediah M. Grant, was one of the greatest men of this Gospel Dispensation. He died when Heber was only a few weeks old. If any man was ever born of "goodly parents," that was the great blessing of President Heber J. Grant.

When a boy he used to serve drinking water in the third circle of the Salt Lake Theatre. While Heber served the water he said that he would someday own a box in that theatre. That saying was fulfilled. He also had a job in the bank while a boy, and said, "I will yet be president of a bank," and so he is. While a young boy some people made fun of his handwriting. He said, "I will yet be the best penman in Salt Lake City." That also came to pass, and his writing now is wonderful. Although he is in his 83rd year, very few young men possess penmanship equal to that of President Heber J. Grant.

Blessed Of The Lord

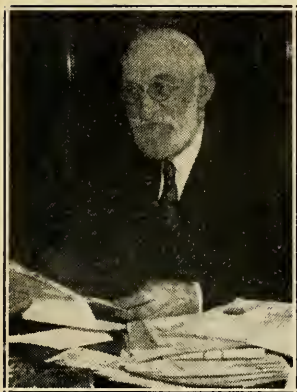
SO all through his life the predictions he has made of himself have been so honoured of God as to receive a literal verification. The blessings of God, accompanied by President Grant's unexcelled diligence and application of his body and mind to hard work, have made his accomplishments possible.

Others predicted his greatness while he was yet in his infancy. The gift of tongues and the interpretation thereof resting upon Sisters Eliza R. Snow Smith and Zina D. Young, one spoke and the other gave the interpretation, that Heber would become a great man in the Church. This prophecy has been literally fulfilled.

When about 23 years of age he was called to preside over the Tooele Stake of Zion. At the age of 26 he was called by revelation from God, October 13th, 1882, through the Prophet, President John Taylor, to be one of the Twelve Apostles.

Opened The Japanese Mission

ABOUT the year 1898 it was felt by the Presidency and Apostleship that the door of the Gospel should be opened for the great Japanese nation. This was a new and a very gigantic task, as the Japanese generally do not believe in Christ, nor the principles given by Him as constituting the



President Grant

glorious Plan of Salvation. They have a language more difficult to learn than most of those spoken in Europe. Apostle Heber J. Grant was chosen to open the door of salvation to the Japanese. To assist him in this great enterprise he chose for his companions Elders Louis A. Kelsch, Horace Ensign and Alma O. Taylor. They opened the work successfully and baptized a few people.

President Grant, because he was needed in other parts of the world, did not remain long enough to acquire the language. Elder Taylor remained ten years, mastered the language and translated the Book of Mormon into the Japanese tongue.

Soon after President Grant's release from the Japanese Mission, he was called to preside over the European Missions, which he did for some years. After 36 years of faithful work in the Apostleship he became President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which I believe to be the highest honour that man can attain in this life.

On the occasion of the centennial of the British Mission in 1937—opened in 1837 by Heber C. Kimball—President Grant came himself at the head of a company of Church workers and made glad the hearts of the British saints by visiting different parts of the country. While here President Grant dedicated several chapels which the Church had built or purchased.

It is safe to say that President Grant has organized more stakes of Zion than any other President, except perhaps President Brigham Young. In addition he has dedicated several Temples and many houses of worship.

Magnified Every Calling

EVERY one who knows President Grant, or who observes his labours, is a living witness that he has honoured and magnified every calling and responsibility placed upon him in the Church. He preaches by example whatever he teaches in the pulpit. He never asks anyone to do anything he does not do himself. I am sure no one in the Church has ever been a more faithful tithe payer, nor a more faithful observer of the Word of Wisdom; these he has observed from his early childhood up to the present time.

As a testimony of the value of devotion to God and His Holy Priesthood, of the paying of tithes and offerings, of generosity to the poor, observance of the Word of Wisdom, industry, perseverance, and a constant, unbroken loyalty to the cause of God and that of country, there have been none better and few equal to our beloved President. To Latter-day Saint members as a whole, one of the ablest and best of all examples—spiritually, physically, financially and in every other way—has been and is now the example set for us by President Heber J. Grant.—MATTHIAS F. COWLEY

Does The Church Have A Monopoly Of Truth?

By ELDER JOHN A. WIDTSON

(Of the Council of the Twelve)

FROM THE IMPROVEMENT ERA

SUCH a question reflects a complete misapprehension of the claims of the restored Church of Christ.

A monopoly of truth would mean the possession of all available truth, and the exclusion of those not in the Church from participation in the possession or benefits of truth.

Nothing could be further from the teachings of the Church. It has been taught from the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith that the light of truth enlightens every man born into the earth. All who seek truth may find it, whether in or out of the Church. Those who seek earnestly for truth in libraries, laboratories, or open nature will be rewarded from the inexhaustible fountain of truth. The Author of truth is generous. The Church urges that in every clime, by all men, at all times, the search for truth be continued; for as truth multiplies among men, human joys may increase.

However, there are many kinds of truth. Some truths concern themselves with the physical laws determining the conditions of earth and the heavens, and by which things move and operate. That is valuable knowledge, which has given humanity many of its material and intellectual blessings.

The discovery of such truths has called into being our present civilization which speaks with the stars and gives light and comfort to the humblest home.

There are higher kinds of truth—such as pertain to human conduct, that is, to man's manner of using the gifts of knowledge that have come to him; truths that concern the God of heaven and man's relationship to his divine Father; truths that explain the mystery of the past, reveal the purpose of the present, and foretell the future destiny of man; truths that enable man, if he but uses them, to approach, forever, the likeness of God.

This latter kind of truth forms the Plan of Salvation as set forth in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel is a product of the mind and will of the Lord. It teaches that a divine purpose runs through the universe, encompassing every fact, law and principle, and enlivening all the works of nature.



Thus the Gospel in its fulness becomes the structure or house of truth, into which all truth may be fitted. As the home of truth, the Gospel claims all truth, and places all truth in its proper place and position with respect to the present and future welfare of man.

The truths of the Gospel, as all other truths, are available to all mankind. Indeed, perhaps all men possess a part of this basic knowledge for their great comfort. Certainly in every church professing God there is some of this higher truth. That is the doctrine of the Latter-day Saints.

However, the Gospel is operated on earth under the authority of the Lord. He placed man on earth, and gave him the Gospel. He has watched over the children of men throughout the ages of time and re-established His Church from time to time as the apostacy of man made it necessary. To the care of the Church the Gospel has been committed with His authority, called the Priesthood. Only the Church possessing this authority is the complete Church of Christ, and there can be but one.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints possesses the truth relative to the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the one divine plan of salvation, and the authority to officiate in God's name in the upbuilding of the Church of Christ. There is but one Gospel. In that sense only, does the Church claim to possess the full fundamental truth, call it monopoly if you choose, necessary for full salvation in the celestial kingdom of God. This the Church does humbly and gratefully, keenly sensible of its high commission and vast responsibility to lead all mankind into a fulness of the knowledge leading to eternal progression in the presence of the Lord.

GLANCES AT CHURCH HISTORY

Brief accounts of interesting events which occurred at a corresponding time of some previous year.

July 3rd, 1835:—Michael H. Chandler arrived in Kirtland, Ohio, with an exhibition of four Egyptian mummies and some rolls of papyrus which were covered with hieroglyphics. It was from these rolls of papyrus that the Prophet Joseph Smith later translated and found them to be the writings of Abraham, now composed in the Pearl of Great Price, one of the standard works of the Church. On the same day that Mr. Chandler arrived in Kirtland, the rolls of ancient recordings were brought to the attention of the Prophet.



July 8th, 1838:—While at Far West, Missouri, revelation was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith concerning the law of tithing and its latter day application.

The Church-Wide M.I.A. Conference

WITH special emphasis having been stressed on intelligent observance of Gospel principles, specifically the Word of Wisdom, the forty-fourth annual Church-wide Mutual Improvement Association Conference was concluded on Sunday, June 11th, in Salt Lake City.

Speakers at the final sessions of the convention were thirteen of the general authorities who were in attendance. President Heber J. Grant presided and concluded the session with his testimony. Others who participated, giving their evidences of the divinity of the Gospel as restored in the latter days through the Prophet Joseph Smith, were: President Rudger Clawson and Elders Reed Smoot, George Albert Smith, Stephen L Richards, Melvin J. Ballard and Charles A. Callis, of the Council of the Twelve; President Rulon S. Wells and Elders Antoine R. Ivins, Samuel O. Bennion, John H. Taylor and Richard L. Evans, of the First Council of Seventy; and Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards.

Music for the service was furnished by the Tabernacle Choir under the direction of J. Spencer Cornwall, with Frank W. Asper at the organ. A feature of the musical programme was the singing of "Ode to Youth," a song written by Elder Cornwall and the late Elsie T. Brandley, and first sung in the great M.I.A. music festival in 1933 under the direction of Noble Cain.

In his brief testimony at the close of the meeting President Grant endorsed all the testimonies of the general authorities and stated, "I am grateful beyond my powers to express that I am able to say that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that Joseph Smith was a true prophet." He bore the same testimony concerning the men who had stood at the head of the Church from the Prophet to President Joseph F. Smith and said he was grateful also that President Smith had said to him shortly before his death that the "Lord knows whom He wants to stand at the head of His great Church."

Other sessions of the conference were held on Friday, June 9th, and Saturday, June 10th. Dr. John A. Widtsoe, of the Council of the Twelve, on Saturday addressed the teachers of M.I.A. groups on the lesson course for the year, making the appeal for wise presentation and observance of Gospel principles. In presenting the study outline to the large body of teachers, Dr. Widtsoe called attention to the different ways a Gospel principle can be presented and interpreted, though its fundamental character remains unchanged throughout the centuries. He advocated encouragement of "live, stimulating" questions of Gospel principles, but declared that those asked merely in an attempt to discredit Church teachings deserve no answer.

Dr. L. A. Stevenson, speaking on the subject "Safeguarding Environment for Youth," launched a direct attack upon alcoholic beverages and tobacco, declaring that they tear down the moral character and strength of any one who uses them. He appealed for a sound programme of constructive thought and

action on the part of the adult group in training their younger charges in the art of living, "through wholesome environment, self effort, self determination and self discipline."

The first general session on Friday was conducted by General Superintendent George Q. Morris of the Y.M.M.I.A., who with President Lucy Grant Cannon of the Y.W.M.I.A., greeted the approximately 4,000 delegates assembled. A tribute to the General Authorities of the Church, and their lives of service to bring about the universal brotherhood of man, was the general theme of the opening session of the forty-fourth annual M.I.A. conference.—J. E. G.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID—

"What strikes one, particularly, is the unaffected religious outlook of the lives of these Mormons whom we have met . . . They can be humorous, they are very human and yet one feels instinctively that their Faith, their religion, is the very bedrock of their being. . . ."

"Nothing could exceed the beautiful courtesy and hospitality of the Mormons of Salt Lake City to two English travellers, whose sole claim to any attention whatever, was that we happened to be the friends of a friend of one of their members, Mr. John Bennett."

—Sir James and Lady Owen

News of the Church in the World

OPPORTUNITY to learn something of the Pioneering of the West by the Mormons nearly a century ago was given to King George VI and Queen Elizabeth during their recent visit to America. The occasion was during one of the breakfasts at the White House, when the menu included Utah strawberries, rushed by special plane from the West.

PLAYING before what was possibly the largest crowd they have ever faced in Britain, the Saints basketball team recently won two

victories over a Scottish team at the Highland Games in Edinburgh. The first game had an estimated 17,000 spectators and the second only a few hundred less, as native Scotsmen and visitors crowded to the traditional display which included a wide variety of useful and thrilling entertainment. The basketball contests were part of the demonstration arranged by the National Fitness Council for Scotland, and gave good opportunity for the players to explain and demonstrate the value of the physical laws practised by the Latter-day Saints.

DEATH

NEWTON — Kenneth Laurence Newton, 33, former Glasgow Branch member, died on Monday, June 19th, in St. John's Hospital, Lew-

isham. Burial services were conducted on Thursday, June 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Bromley Common.

Of Current Interest

THE NEW Waterloo Bridge being built in London is to span not only the Thames but also an unknown gap of years. A



repository has been made in its northern abutment for certain clues to posterity regarding the way things are in Britain today, such as: coins, stamps, newspapers and periodicals, all sealed in a cylinder of copper and placed in the foundation stone of the new bridge. But, Waterloo Bridge is not the only repository of this type in London. There are several more spots where relics of the past lie intentionally buried. Beneath Cleopatra's Needle on the Embankment opposite the Adelphi, for example, is a collection from Victorian times. This collection was planted in 1877 and includes plans and details of the transporting from Egypt and erecting of the ancient monolith, a portrait of Queen Victoria, Bradshaw's Railway Guide, and various other items calculated to intrigue anyone who sees them—if anyone ever does.

ACCORDING to the National Fitness Committees of several English counties, inter-village sports are to be one of Britain's country attractions this summer. Attempts are being made to revive some of the old country games such as "twenty over cricket," "relay tennis," volley ball, and outdoor skittles.

AN AUTOMOBILE, manufactured so that the driver sits on the left instead of the right, needs alterations affecting about 1,500 parts.

GREAT BRITAIN received American visitors numbering 97,258 during 1938. Statistics showed that the second largest group came from Germany with 79,652, and the third largest group came from France with 69,133.

THE COST of developing and building the Douglas DC-4, the "flying pullman," was given as £400,000. This plane, the world's largest commercial land plane, is said to have a cruising range of 1,425 miles at a speed of 191 miles an hour and with a capacity load of 42 passengers and one and one half tons cargo.

DR. ROBIN FLOWER, deputy keeper of manuscripts at the British Museum, has announced his conviction that three faded, blotched, untidy pages belonging to the institution were actually written by William Shakespeare and are the only extant manuscripts of the dramatist. Dr. Flower told the Royal Society of Literature that if his conviction is correct it will end the long-standing controversy as to whether the plays and poems usually attributed to Shakespeare were not written by him but by someone else, presumably Sir Francis Bacon. "If true," the authority said, "we shall be relieved forever of the wearisome assertion that anybody else but Shakespeare wrote Shakespeare."

BRITAIN is to supply the Turkish Government with 58 heavy locomotives for use in Asia Minor. Costing about £1,000,000, the engines will be larger than any of those on the British railways, and are to be used on tracks which have very severe gradients. The order is the largest British export contract for railways of the past several years.

"KEEPING to the right" is proving a problem for pedestrians of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Fines or even brief jail sentences await walkers who do not keep on the right-hand side of the pathway, who "jaywalk" or who walk in the streets. Motor traffic keeps to the left, as in England, and pedestrians walk on the right in order to face oncoming automobiles.

WHEN the King and Queen made their tour across Canada they had a trip which in one particular at least could not be duplicated anywhere else in the world. They travelled parallel to a 3,000 mile border between two great nations which has not a fortification of any kind upon it. This complete absence of any defence along the border is emphasized by the continual stream of people crossing the line both ways with hardly more thought than passing from England into Scotland or Wales.

MOUNT VESUVIUS erupted violently during the early part of June, putting on its most spectacular show in three years. Clouds of ashes spurted from its crater and incandescent lava streamed over the crater's lip. The eruption caused no immediate concern for the safety of those living near Vesuvius.

CANADIANS wear out more than two pairs of shoes per person each year, according to recent statistics. Nearly all the shoes bought in the country are made there.

THIRTY years supervision of Thames shipping has been completed by the Port of London Authority. During this time the approach to the channels of the Thames has been widened and deepened, allowing ships drawing up to 37 feet to enter the port, and those of no more than 6,000 tons to load and discharge cargoes at London Bridge. The value of the seaborne trade has increased nearly 40 per cent, and the capital worth of the property coming under the administration of the Authority has increased over 60 per cent, since 1909.

FRANCE, already noted for the variety of decorations given to its citizens, has announced a new one for business men. The medal is an eight-pointed star known as the Order of Commercial Merit, and will be given to those who have distinguished themselves by professional excellence or contributions made to development of French foreign trade.

SWITZERLAND has approved a fund of about £18,000,000 which will be used for national defence and public work purposes.

From the Mission Field

Arrivals and Assignments—

The following missionaries to labour in the British Mission arrived Wednesday, June 21st, aboard the *s.s. Washington* and were assigned as follows: Elders Charles W. Romney (Salt Lake City, Utah), to London District; LeRoy Eyring (Pima, Arizona) to Hull District; and George E. Leavitt (Sacramento, California) to Newcastle District. Lady Missionaries Beryl R. Gardner (Sandy, Utah) to Birmingham District; Marguerite Bushman (St. Joseph, Arizona) to Birmingham District; and N. Wilhelmina Stoneman (Salt Lake City, Utah) to Newcastle District.

Doings in the Districts—

BIRMINGHAM—The annual outing of Nuneaton Branch Sunday School was held on Saturday, June 17th, in Warwick. The committee in charge, consisting of Superintendent Clarence G. Linnett, Sister Sara

Seckington and Brother William Seckington, provided refreshments in St. Nicholas Park. Following this, games and amusements were enjoyed by all.

A baptismal service was held in Handsworth Branch Chapel on Saturday, June 24th, under the direction of Supervising Elder A. Lucian Lewis. Bary V. E. Nightingale of Nuneaton Branch was baptized by Elder Lewis and confirmed by Elder Dale W. Ansell. Short talks were given at the service by Doris Pratt, lady missionary, and Elder Ansell.

A social was held recently in Handsworth Branch under the direction of the branch M.I.A. Musical items were given by the Handsworth-Sparkbrook Gleaner Chorus; Doris Pratt and Anna Saunders, lady missionaries; District President Norman Dunn; and Elder A. Lucian Lewis. Brothers Alvin Thomas and Melvin Dunn led the group in games.

IRISH—The Adult Class of Belfast Branch M.I.A. held their annual excursion to Newcastle, County Down, on Saturday, June 17th. The outing was in charge of Sister Violet Gilliland, adult president, and refreshments were arranged by Sister Lydia Ditty. Bathing, games, and community singing were enjoyed by those present, the singing being augmented by a large crowd of spectators.

LEEDS—In celebration of the opening of the new meeting hall of Leeds Branch, a social was held on Saturday, June 17th. The programme consisted of numbers by youngsters from a school of dancing; vocal numbers by Supervising Elder Mark P. Lyman, Brother and Sister Fred Laycock, and Sister Nellie Butterfield; selections on the piano-accordion by Victor Bailey; and humorous recitations by Sister Marie Craven. After the refreshments, participants spent the evening in dancing. Elder Jesse A. Moench was in charge of the social.

On Wednesday, June 21st, Clayton M.I.A. members and friends conducted a ramble to Judy Woods Shelf. Brother Robert C. Harris was guide, directing the party to Manorly Hall, where the history of this old mansion was related. The evening was concluded with a fish and chip supper at the home of Sister Bertha Warnes.

On Saturday, June 24th, an outing to Stanningley Park was sponsored by the superintendency of Leeds Branch Sunday School. Games and prize races were enjoyed by both children and grown-ups. Refreshments were served at the home of Superintendent Fred Laycock.

LIVERPOOL—A farewell party was held on Friday, June 16th, in Liverpool Branch for Elder Roscoe G. Booth, who was recently released. Over sixty members and friends were in attendance, and a gift was presented to Elder Booth as a remembrance. Many of the saints were at the boat to bid goodbye to Elder Booth and other returning missionaries.

LONDON—The M.I.A. of South London Branch held its first summer outing on Saturday, June 24th,

under the direction of Sister Gwendoline Silsbury, Y.W.M.I.A. president, and Branch President David S. King. The group travelled to Kew Gardens and there visited all the tropical plant houses and the famous botanical gardens. After the picnic, community singing and outdoor games were enjoyed by all who attended.

MANCHESTER—The Primary Association of Rochdale Branch sponsored a social on Saturday, June 17th. The programme included the following items: A selection by Primary children; solos by Sisters Marie Fitton, Eunice Turner, Edna Whitely and Patricia Whitely, accompanied by Sister Elizabeth Buckley; and a sketch given by Brothers Harry Tuck and George Fogg, Mr. Kenneth Wild and Sister Doris Woolfenden. The evening terminated with dancing.

The ceremony of crowning the Rose Queen was performed on Saturday, June 17th, in Hyde Branch. Sister Annie Jackson was given this title and the crowning was done by the retiring queen, Sister Phyllis Monks. A well-arranged programme was presented by Primary and Sunday School children. The Rose Queen presented a glass powder bowl to Sister Monks as a token of appreciation from the Sunday School. A bag containing 240 early Victorian pennies was given to the branch president for the building fund.

NEWCASTLE—South Shields Branch Relief Society held a strawberry and ice cream social on Monday, June 26th, with approximately forty persons attending. The programme consisted of the following items: Song by Sister Ada Briggs; group song by the Gleaner Girls; recitation by Sister Annie Balls; song by Sister Gwen Ellwood; selection from a quartet composed of Elders Myron R. Brown, Walter Miller, Ralph J. Tingey and George E. Leavitt; accordian solo by Brother George Fudge; duet by Brothers John Foster and George Fudge; comical song by Brother White; humour by Elders Tingey and Leavitt; Scottish song by Elder Miller; and a vocal solo by Elder Brown. Games and dancing rounded out the evening.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

(All meetings begin at 6.30 Sunday evenings unless otherwise indicated.)

- Aberdeen:**
Corn Exchange,
Hadden Street,
Off Market Street.
- Accrington:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**
†L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Purwell Lane.
- Belfast:**
†Arcade Buildings,
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street,
Handsworth.
Council Schools,
Stratford Road,
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Saving Bank Chambers,
Lord Street, West.
- Bolton:**
Corporation
Chambers.
- Bradford:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**
105, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**
L. D. S. Hall, Zion Rd.,
off Clarence Road.
- Burnley:**
‡L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.
- Carlisle:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Scotch Street.
- Cheltenham-Stroud:**
Theosophical Hall,
St. Margaret's Ter.,
Off North Place,
Cheltenham.
- Clayton:**
*Central Hall.
- Derby:**
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**
†L. D. S. Hall,
8, Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**
Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Street.
- Gainsborough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
4B, Silver Street.
- Gateshead:**
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**
South Side
Masonic Hall,
30, Abbotsford Pl., C.5.
- Gravesend:**
Freeborn Hall,
Peacock Street.
- Great Yarmouth:**
L. D. S. Hall,
33a, Regent Street.
- Grimsby:**
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street.
- Halifax:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
35, Brinton Terrace,
Off Hansen Lane.
- Hucknall:**
*Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Wellington Lane, and
Berkeley Street.
- Hyde:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Reynolds Street.
- Kidderminster:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Park Street.
- Leeds:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
5, King Charles St.
- Leicester:**
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea Chapel,
149, Nightingale Lane
S.W.12.
Downham Fellowship
Club, between 29 & 30,
Arcus Rd., off Glenbow
Rd., Catford.
Ivy Hall,
Wellesley Road,
Gunnersbury, W.4.
- Loughborough:**
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road,
C. on M.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
21, Bottomly Street,
Off Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**
*L. D. S. Chapel,
89, St. Michael's Road.
- Nottingham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
60, Park Lane.
- Nuneaton:**
Masonic Hall.
- Oldham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Neville Street.
- Plymouth:**
L. D. S. Hall,
34, Park Street,
Tavistock Road.
- Pontllanfraith:**
Enquire:
81, Brynteg Street.
- Preston, Lancs:**
L. D. S. Hall,
44, Avenham St.
Off Fishergate.
- Raumarsh:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Main Street.
- Rochdale:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff St.
- Sheffield:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**
*L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.
- Skelton:**
Liberal Association
Hall, 13a, Queen's
Street, Redcar-on-Sea
- South Shields:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
98, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
18, Tunstall Road.
- Tipton, Wolverhampton:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Washington Building,
Berry Street.
- Varteg:**
Memorial Hall.
- West Hartlepool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
7, Osborne Road.
- Wigan:**
*L and Y Station

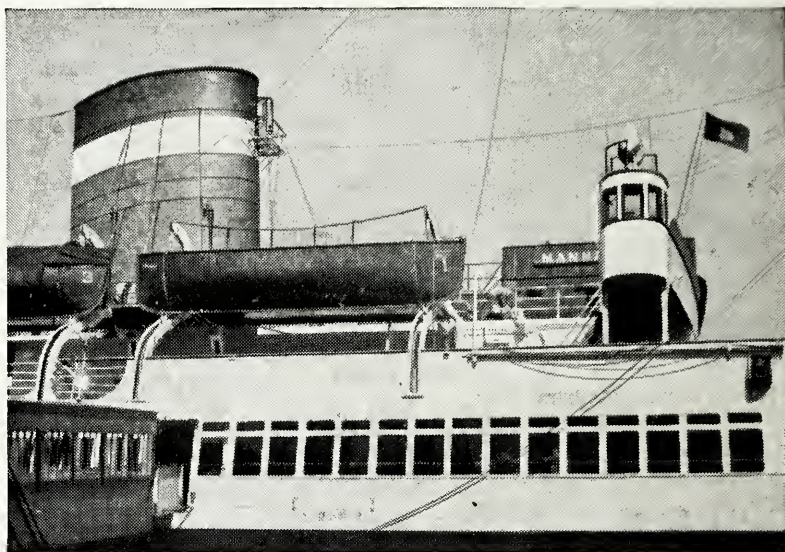
‡—6.15 p.m.

*—6.00 p.m.

†—7.00 p.m.

‡—2.30 p.m.

To NEW YORK



Sailings from Southampton

The Famous Favourites

MANHATTAN **WASHINGTON**

July 13 & Aug. 11

July 27 & Aug. 24

The Popular "Presidents"

HARDING

July 21 & Aug. 18

ROOSEVELT

Aug. 4 & Sept. 1

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

Special Reduced Round-Trip Excursion Rates from £27.5.0 (Third Class on the President Harding and the President Roosevelt) to £38.5.0. return ('Tourist Class on the 'Manhattan' and 'Washington').

These special rates apply up to July 23rd and from Sept. 25th to Oct. 29th.

Also Low Cost Inclusive Tours from £32.5.0.

ONE-CLASS-ONLY SERVICE

Every Friday, London direct to New York. The whole ship is yours.

UNITED STATES LINES

PANAMA PACIFIC LINE — NEW YORK/CALIFORNIA
AMERICAN REPUBLICS LINE — NEW YORK/SOUTH AMERICA

7 Haymarket, S.W.1 (WHIttehall 4162) and 38 Leadenhall Street, E.C.3 (ROYal 6677)
And All Authorised Agents